

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 25 with the following amended paragraph:

FIG. 2 shows an arrangement of the male mold plate 1 according to the invention, again with separable male mold cones 5 in their separation position A, as well as an opened male mold cone 5 in the extraction position B. The base plate 2 has a laterally arranged inclined drag element ~~[[7]]~~ 7' which has only at position C a step or swell 20 to cause a detachment stroke h. By means of this detachment stroke h the preforms are merely loosened or detached from the male mold cones to ensure that the preforms, during the complete opening of the male mold cones 5, do not remain stuck to the latter. The slide 4 is movably attached to the stripper plate 3, which slide supports the separable male mold cones 5. In the zone of the extraction position B the male mold cone 5 is opened by means of a hydraulic drive 12. In this embodiment the hydraulic drive 12 is secured to the slide 4 and rests against the stripper plate 3.